C. Tracy Barnes Dies at 60; Former Aide With CIA, Yale

C. Tracy Barnes, 60, a high level official of the Central Intelligence Agency for many years, died Friday after a heart attack at his home in Saunderstown, R.I.

CIA spokesmen said last night that Mr. Barnes was a senior staff member of the agency from 1951 to December, 1966.

After leaving the CIA, he served for two years as a special assistant to Kingman Brewster Jr., president of Yale University. He was involved first with alumni affairs and then with the university's relations with the New Haven community, particularly the black community.

Brewster last night called Mr. Barnes' death "a terrible blow." He said that Mr. Barnes "had an absolute genius for being a person who was trusted by people who might not trust each other.

"He and his wife, Janet, were both enormous contributors to the life of the university when it was under pressure from both the community and students."

Although Mr. Barnes, a Yale alumnus, left his full-time post at the university in 1968 after suffering a stroke, he continued to do consulting work for Brewster on a part-time basis.

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Mr. Barnes' experience in intelligence work began in World War II when he served in Europe, first with Air Force intelligence and later with the Office of Strategic Services.

While working for the OSS, the forerunner of the CIA, Mr. Barnes made several parachute jumps into occupied France. He was awarded France's Croix de Guerre, and the American Silver Star.

A 1937 graduate of Harvard Law School, where he was a member of the law review, Mr. Barnes began practicing in New York before the war. After the war, he joined a Providence firm. During this period, he also served as president of the Urban League of Rhode Island.

In 1950 he came here to serve as special assistant to Archibald Alexander, then under secretary of the Army. He also served during the Korean War period as deputy director of the old Psychological Strategy Board.

Mr. Barnes was born in Manhasset, L.I. and graduated from the Groton School.

He was a member of several clubs, including the Metropolitan and Alibi clubs here.

Survivors include his wife, Janet W., of the home; two daughters, Linda Tuck, of New York and Mrs. John Casey of North Kingstown, R.I.; two sons, Peter, of Washington, and Tracy of Cambridge, Mass.; a brother, Courtlandt D., of Aspen, Colo. and New York; a sister Mrs. John O'Hara, widow of the well known novelist, of Princeton, N.J., and seven grandchildren.